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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSPORTING ILLEGAL ALIEN TO KANSAS TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Jaroslav Brazkowski**, 32, Chicago, Illinois, entered a guilty plea today before U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia to one count of transporting an illegal alien.

Melgren stated that Brazkowski, a citizen of Poland, admitted at his plea that he transported an illegal alien, Marie Klucarova, a citizen of the Republic of Slovakia, from Chicago, Illinois, to the Kansas driver's license office located in Olathe, Kansas, on February 21, 2003. Klucarova answered an advertisement in a foreign language magazine which promised to assist her in obtaining a driver's license. Brazkowski provided Marie Klucarova with documents and information to assist her in obtaining a Kansas driver's license for which she paid a \$300.00 deposit with a balance of \$1,300 due after she received the driver's license. Brazkowski further admitted that he also transported others from Chicago to Olathe on February 21, 2003, to fraudulently obtain Kansas drivers licenses or Kansas identification cards and that he knew that these licenses and cards would be used to avoid immigration laws.

Brazkowski faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole. Sentencing is set for September 22, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. The case was investigated by the Olathe Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement.